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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION FOR CONSULAR FSL

1. CONSULAR FSL EMMANUEL H. BISMARJI PLANS PRIVATE VISIT TO
US MID-OCTOBER FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH. MR BISMARJI HAS
BEEN EMPLOYED BY USG FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS IN ALEPPO AND
DAMASCUS. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS

THAT MR. BISMARJI BE
GIVEN MINIMUM 3 DAYS OF CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON DURING US
VISIT. APPROPRIATE PROGRAM WOULD

INCLUDE 1-1/2 DAYS IN VO,
1/2 DAY TO OBSERVE INS INSPECTION AT POE DULLES AND ONE DAY
IN SCS. MR. BISMARJI IS AN FLS-1 AND CONSULAR SECTION'S
SENIOR EMPLOYEE SPECILIZING IN VISA MATTERS AND WELFARE AND
PROTECTION OF AMCITS. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SYRIA HAS SMALL
BUT CONTINUAL CASELOAD OF WELFARE AND ARREST CASES.

2. TWICE BEFORE MR. BISMARJI WAS SELECTED FOR FSL CONSULAR

TRAINING IN US BUT WAS PREVENTED FROM GOING IN 1965 DUE TO
PRESS OF WORK AT ALEPPO AND IN 1967 DUE TO ARAB-ISRAELI WAR.
CONSULAR OFFICER MARGARET MURPHY FROM BEIRUT IS PRESENTLY
SUBSTITUTING FOR CONSULAR OFFICER DONALD SUTTER AND
SUPPORTS EMBASSY'S REQUEST AS ONE WHICH WOULD BE
BENEFICIAL TO EMBASSY DAMASCUS AND TO USG. MR. BISMARJI
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CONTEMPLATES ANOTHER TWO OR MORE YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT
WITH EMBASSY.

3. IF DEPARTMENT ABLE TO ARRANGE SUITABLE PROGRAM AS
SUGGESTED ABOVE AND PROVIDE PER DIEM FOR 3 DAY CONSULTATION,
MR. BISMARJI WILLING TO ARRANGE HIS ITINERARY TO INCLUDE
WASHINGTON IN HIS TRIP. PLEASE ADVISE.

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